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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING AN ANASTAMOSIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 26, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, the applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following amended parts of the specification as indicated in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended specification with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

At page 9, lines 13-20, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

--With reference to the figures, the present invention includes first elongated instrument 15, Fig. 1, inserted into a patient's vascular system. First elongated instrument 15 may include

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